



IMPORTANT PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE FOR ALL MIT STUDENTS: COVID-19

Kia ora koutou katoa,

Manukau Institute of Technology has been informed by Auckland Regional Public Health Service (ARPHS) that a student has tested positive for COVID-19.

The student was studying in TechPark's general engineering area based at South Campus, Ōtara.

The health service has carried out its full scoping exercise in relation to this case and has determined that the person was not sick or infectious while they were at MIT and there is a very low risk they passed on the illness to anyone while at the institute.

No MIT students and staff have been deemed 'close contacts' by ARPHS for this case. A letter from the health service is attached below.

The student will remain in isolation until they have recovered and it is deemed safe for them to leave.

Currently, our campuses are closed due to Auckland's COVID-19 Level 3 Alert.

However, it is important to watch out for the symptoms of potential COVID-19 infection.

These include:

- **New or worsening cough**
- **sore throat**
- **runny nose**
- **fever**
- **temporary loss of smell**
- **difficulty breathing.**

If you become unwell, please stay home and call your GP or Healthline (0800 358 5453) for advice.

We understand this will be a concerning time for many. Please be assured that MIT's top priority is the safety of our students, staff and wider whānau.

Being supportive, respectful and informed when communicating with one another whether face-to-face, online and when we share information is also a key part of our community's wellness.

It is important to keep the identity of this student private so they can be left to focus on their recovery in peace.

For more information: call Healthline: 0800 358 5453 (a free, 24/7 service with interpreters available). You can also visit www.arphs.health.nz or www.covid19.govt.nz

Take care,

Gus Gilmore, MIT Chief Executive



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Dear Students and Staff Members

COVID-19 case at Manukau Institute of Technology (MIT)

A student at MIT has been diagnosed as having COVID-19, but this person has not been on campus while infectious.

Auckland Regional Public Health Service (ARPHS) has assessed the risk to students and staff at Manukau Institute of Technology from this student.

The campus buildings are considered safe and there is very low risk to anyone else at the Institute.

The student currently is in self-isolation and will not be attending classes until they have been cleared by a medical officer at ARPHS.

While there may be some concern in the MIT community, please be assured that it is very unlikely the person spread the virus on campus before becoming sick.

COVID-19 symptoms

Because there have been recent cases in South Auckland, please watch for the symptoms of COVID-19. These can include one or more of the following:

New or worsening cough, sore throat, runny nose, fever, temporary loss of smell and difficulty breathing.

Please call your doctor or Healthline (0800 358 5453) if you have any symptoms. They will explain what to do.

Finally, if you know the identity of the student with COVID-19, please do not disclose their names or details to anyone else. This can lead to on-line bullying and abuse.

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Thank you for your support.

Medical Officer of Health

Auckland Regional Public Health Service